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(C) PORT MORESBY 0440, (D) PORT MORESBY 0253, (E) WELLING-
TON 1762, (F) WELLINGTON 1583

1. SUMMARY: IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED
REFTEL (B), AS WELL AS CONCERN OF EMBASSY PORT MORESBY
REPORTED REFTEL (C), DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO SEND A SMALL
TEAM OF EXPERTS TO SUVA, PORT MORESBY AND HONIARA.

PURPOSE OF VISITS WILL BE TO EXPLAIN IN SOME DETAIL US POSITIONS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBJECT AGENCY AND TO DEMONSTRATE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS IMPORTANCE WHICH USG PLACES ON THIS EFFORT. DEPT BELIEVES THAT EXPERT LEVEL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD ALSO BE HELD TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ISSUES. THIS CAN BEST BE DONE, WE BELIEVE, THROUGH GENEVA DISCUSSIONS OUTLINED REFS (A) AND (E). WITH THIS IN MIND, WE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE WITH CHRIS BEEBE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPERT LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BEING HELD IN GENEVA IN EARLY MAY. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPT CURRENTLY PLANNING TO SEND SMALL TEAM TO SUVA, PORT MORESBY, AND HONIARA. TEAM WILL BE MADE UP OF

MORRIS D. BUSBY, DIRECTOR OFFICE OF OCEAN AFFAIRS, DOS; DAVID COLSON, OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISOR, DOS; A NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE EXPERT; AND LARRY SNEAD, OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS, DOS. ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 20: ARRIVE SUVA FROM NADI (WILL CABLE FLIGHT NUMBER AND TIME SEPARATELY)

APRIL 22: DEPART SUVA 0600 AM FJ505
ARRIVE HONIARA 1010 AM

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APRIL 25: DEPART HONIARA 0900 IE887
ARRIVE PORT MORESBY 1500 PX107

APRIL 28: DEPART PORT MORESBY 0840 PR284
ARRIVE HONG KONG 1410 PR306

APRIL 29: DEPART HONG KONG 2300 PA2

APRIL 30: ARRIVE GENEVA 1730 SR543

MAY 4: RETURN TO WASHINGTON

3. FOR SUVA: VISIT TO SUVA WOULD HOPEFULLY INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS WITH ONE OF OUR MAIN PURPOSES BEING TO EXPLORE IN SOME DETAIL THE APPARENT REVERSAL OF FIGIAN POSITION REPORTED REFTL (B). WE WOULD, IN ADDITION, WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH EITHER SPEC DIRECTOR MAHE OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GATES CONCERNING NOT ONLY THE UPCOMING JUNE MEETING, BUT OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS FINANCING AND REPRESENTATION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORIES AT THE JUNE MEETING. FYI: WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPLORING WITH AID POSSIBILITY OF A GRANT TO

ASSIST IN FUNDING THE INTERIM AGENCY. IN ADDITION, WE ARE WORKING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN AN ATTEMPT TO APPROPRIATE MONIES TO BE USED FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION. CURRENT DRAFTS OF THIS LEGISLATION SPECIFICALLY MENTION WORKING WITH SOUTH PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS THE SPFRA IN THIS EFFORT. END FYI. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS, AND RESERVE FOUR (4) SINGLE ROOMS FOR TEAM.

4. FOR PORT MORESBY: IN VIEW OF REFTEL (D), TEAM HAS SCHEDULED VISIT TO HONIARA. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AS TO DESIRABILITY OF SUCH A VISIT. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, WE WILL GO AHEAD WITH THESE PLANS. WE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPE EMBASSY OFFICER COULD ACCOMPANY TEAM, AND REQUEST

EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR TEAM NIGHTS OF 22-24 APRIL, AND INFORM UK OFFICIALS AS NECESSARY. FOR PORT MORESBY WE HAVE SCHEDULED TWO FULL DAYS IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN THE WIDEST CONSULTATIONS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GPNG OFFICIALS, TEAM COULD, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE, MEET WITH BOTH AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS IN SOME DETAIL USG VIEWS. REQUEST APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. FOR WELLINGTON: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CONSULTATIONS ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN REFTEL (E) WOULD BE USEFUL. WE WOULD HOPE BEEBE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO COORDINATE. TEAM CURRENTLY PLANNING TO PROCEED FROM SOUTH PACIFIC REGION DIRECTLY TO GENEVA, AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING PERIOD MAY 1-3, IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO BEEBE. AS TO QUESTION OF INVITATION TO SPEC TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA DISCUSSIONS MENTIONED REFTEL (F), WE WILL LEAVE THAT TO BEEBE'S GOOD JUDGMENT. BEEBE MAY BE INFORMED OF OUR PLANS TO VISIT AREA AS OUTLINED ABOVE, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS WITH SPEC OFFICIALS. BEEBE MIGHT ALSO BE INFORMED THAT OUR INFORMATION IS THAT GOA EXPERT PATRICK RYAN NOT CURRENTLY IN GENEVA, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HE IS ON CALL.

6. FOR GENEVA: REQUEST RESERVE FOUR (4) SINGLE ROOMS AT EPSOM/LONGCHAMPS FOR TEAM, APRIL 30-MAY 3. CHRISTOPHER

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